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SUBJ: UNION CARBIDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO GEOGHAN, LAW DEPT., UNION CARBIDE CORP., NEW YORK, TEL. (212) 551-6322 FROM BURNS:

2. BEGIN TEXT. RECEIVED JAN. 7. QUOTE. QUASHIE-IDUN SUGGESTS JAN. 14 OR 16 AS POSSIBLE DATES FOR TRAVELING TO LONDON IN VIEW OF STRIKE BY AFRICAN LABOR FORCE AT NSUTA. BOTH COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD CONSULTATIONS WITH QUASHIE-IDUN YESTERDAY. CONSULTATIONS PURELY ADVISORY AND NOT RPT NOT ON BASIS OF EITHER UNION CARBIDE OR AMC BEING INVOLVED. BEFORE MEETING IN LONDON QUASHIE-IDUN WILL AGREE OUTLINES WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ON DOCUMENTATION FOR TURNOVER. WILL CONFIRM TRAVEL DATE BY FRIDAY DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS AT MINE. MEANTIME CABLE CASH BALANCE IN ACCRA FOLLOWING DEC. 8 STATEMENT TO ENABLE DISCUSSIONS ON FIGURES. ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS RENT CEDIS 7500 DEPOSITED AMC ACCRA ACCOUNT AND CEDIS 55,000 BEING HELD ESCROW. PLEASE AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO EXPATRIATE STAFF OUT OF CEDIS 75,000 ESCROW TO ENABLE PAYMENT ON REQUEST. UNQUOTE. END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT, FYI: UNION CARBIDE ACCRA MANAGER BURNS HAS ATTEMPTED KEEP ARMS-LENTH ON THESE ENTIRE NEGOTIATIONS, ACTING ONLY AS COMMUNICATIONS LINK. HOWEVER, WHEN DELIVERING ABOVE TEXT JAN. 7 COB HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT AFRICAN MANGANESE CO. (AMC) CURRENTLY IN LEGAL LIMBO SINCE ASSETS, ETC. SUPPOSEDLY TURNED OVER TO GHANAIANS YET LATTER HAVE NOT YET ESTABLISHED A

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LEGAL ENTITY TO "RECEIVE" AND OPERATE MINE. MEANTIME,

EXPATRIATE AND SENIOR LOCAL STAFF UNPAID AND LOCAL STAFF ON STRIKE. NO MENTION OF STRIKE IN PRESS. BURNS IS OF COURSE CONCERNED THAT SOMEHOW AMC OR ITS PARENT, UNION CARBIDE, WILL BE BLAMED FOR SITUATION WHICH, HE CLAIMS, IS TOTALLY BEYOND ITS CONTROL. END FYI.

4. DECONTROL TEXT PARA. 2 UPON RECEIPT. INTERESTED PARTY.

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